

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 49-74 are pending herein, claims 49, 55 and 70 being independent. By the above amendment, claim 55 has been amended. No new matter has been added.

In the pending Advisory Action, the Examiner noted that claim 55 depended from a previously canceled claim, claim 47, and was therefore improper, as were all of the claims which depend therefrom. The Examiner further noted that, if claim 55 were to be re-written in independent form, incorporating the limitations of the claims from which it previously depended, claim 55 and the claims dependent therefrom would be allowable.

By the amendment above, claim 55 has been re-written in independent form, with the limitations of claims 47 and 38 (from which claim 47 depended) incorporated therein. Thus, it is believed that claim 55 and all claims dependent therefrom are now allowable.

There being no further grounds for objection or rejection, early and favorable action is solicited.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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